**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend page 13, beginning at line 19 as follows

Fig. 7 illustrates another example of a filter element 216 utilizing z-media 74 and wound into the filter element 216. As with the filter element 202 shown in Fig. 26, the filter element 216 has opposite flow faces 217, 218 to accommodate straight through gas flow. As with the Fig. ~~26~~ 6 embodiment, this embodiment also shows the flow face 217 schematically, with only portions showing end flutes, but it should be understood that the entire filter face 217 typically will show the end flutes. In this embodiment, the filter element 216 is obround. Specifically, this particular filter element 216 has a cross-section in the shape of two generally parallel sides 219, 220 joined at their ends by curved portions 221, 222. This shape is sometimes referred to herein as a "racetrack shape." The filter element 216 may include appropriate housing seals or gaskets, and in the example shown, includes the type of sealing member 224 described in U.S. patent number 6,190,432. This sealing member 224 includes polyurethane mounted on (or molded) on a frame, secured to the element 216. In each of the elements 202, 216, a central core 226, 227 is shown as having the z-media 74 wound therearound.

Please amend page 17, beginning at line 33 as follows:

The combination 400 with the backside sealant bead is coiled, in the direction of arrow ~~406~~ 406a, with the flutes (or corrugations) directed to the inside of the coil and with the facing sheet 402 directed to the outside of the coil to form to form a first coil or configuration. At 410, such a coil is shown, schematically. The particular coil 410 shown is generally circular, around a central open space 411, however alternate shapes are possible. The coiling could have been around a mandrel which is removed to provide for the open space 411. The circumference of the open space 411 will be selected, as discussed below. A lead or front end of the media strip 400 directed into the coiling, is shown at 413. An opposite rear or tail end is shown at 414. A typical coil, for many air filter applications, would have an outside perimeter of at least 30 cm., often at least 60 cm., for example 70-160 cm. Typically it will be made by winding the media at least 6 times around, typically at least 10 times.

Please amend page 29, beginning at line 17 as follows:

The diameter of the media locking roller 850 can be selected to be large enough so that it doesn't fit into end ~~855~~ 825 of catch slot 817. Further, the diameter is selected so that roller 850 will tend to nest, partially, between media corrugations, as shown, inhibiting the ease with which the media strip 810 can be pulled out of the media catch slot 817. As a result, the floating media locking roller 850 will help hold tail 822 of the media strip 801 is position, during coiling.